

Easement

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-1639

Richleigh

12025 Reisterstown Road

Reisterstown, Baltimore County

1873

Public

The Second Empire style dwelling known as Richleigh was constructed in 1873 for Dr. Arthur Rich. From 1855 until 1895, Rich was the headmaster for the Hannah More Academy, a private school in the Fourth District community of Reisterstown. In addition, Rich served as the rector for the school's chapel. Established in 1832, Hannah More Academy was the first Episcopal boarding school for girls in the United States. The Second Empire style, distinguished by its Mansard roof, originated in France during the reign of Napoleon III and was popular in the United States primarily from 1860 until 1880. The style typically makes use of decorative eave and porch brackets, molded cornices, window surrounds and door casements, and shaped dormers. The Mansard roof with gabled dormers are the features of Richleigh that tie the dwelling to the Second Empire style. The associated school and chapel still exist along Reisterstown Road. The two parcels of land, however, are no longer maintained as the Hannah More Academy.

This three-story-tall dwelling has a mansard roof clad in asphalt shingles. Three gabled dormers pierce the façade of the roof with a 2/2 window in each. The random rubble stone foundation supports a wood frame structure clad in weatherboard siding. Five 2/2 windows pierce the second-story of the five-bay-wide façade. On the first story, four 2/4 full-height windows flank the central entry. This entry exhibits a paneled wood door with a two-light transom. Spanning the full-width of the first-story is a half-hipped porch that is five bays wide with square columns and shaped brackets. A large addition was placed on the north elevation circa 1990 that consists of a sprawling multi-shed-roof structure. It has a poured concrete foundation and weatherboard siding. To the east of the main block is a two-story addition that holds an elevator shaft. It includes a poured concrete foundation, weatherboard siding and a mansard roof. To the west is wood frame addition with a brick veneer that connects the main block with a modern school.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Richleigh

other

2. Location

street and number 12025 Reisterstown Road

not for publication

city, town Reisterstown

vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Not Available

street and number Not Available

telephone Not Available

city, town Not Available

state MD

zip code Not Available

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse

liber Not Available folio Not Available

city, town Towson

tax map N/A

tax parcel N/A

tax ID number Not Available

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
				1

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Located on the Hannah More campus, this Second Empire style building was built in 1873 fronting south. This three-story-tall dwelling has a mansard roof clad in asphalt shingles. Three gabled dormers pierce the façade of the roof with a 2/2 window in each. The random rubble stone foundation supports a wood frame structure clad in weatherboard siding. Five 2/2 windows pierce the second-story of the five-bay-wide façade. On the first story, four 2/4 full-height windows flank the central entry. This entry exhibits a paneled wood door with a two-light transom. Spanning the full-width of the first-story is a half-hipped porch that is five bays wide with square columns and shaped brackets. A large addition was placed on the north elevation circa 1990 that consists of a sprawling multi-shed-roof structure. It has a poured concrete foundation and weatherboard siding. To the east of the main block is a two-story addition that holds an elevator shaft. It includes a parged concrete foundation, weatherboard siding and a mansard roof. To the west is wood frame addition with a brick veneer that connects the main block with a modern school.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1873-present **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1873, 1990 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ Baltimore County Historic Inventory; see also J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men* (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA) p. 866; and Neal A. Brooks, Neal A. and Eric G. Rockel (*A History of Baltimore County*. Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979) p. 313.

² Rachel Carley, *The Visual Dictionary of American Domestic Architecture* (New York, NY: Henry Holt and Company, Inc., 1994), p. 148; see also Virginia and Lee McAlester, *A Field Guide to American Houses* (New York, NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 1985), pp. 241-242.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .50 Acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Reisterstown

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction in 1873, Richleigh has been associated with the land at 12025 Reisterstown Road, formerly comprising a portion of the Hannah More Academy.

11. Form Prepared by

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organization	EHT Traceries, Incorporated	date	May 29, 2001
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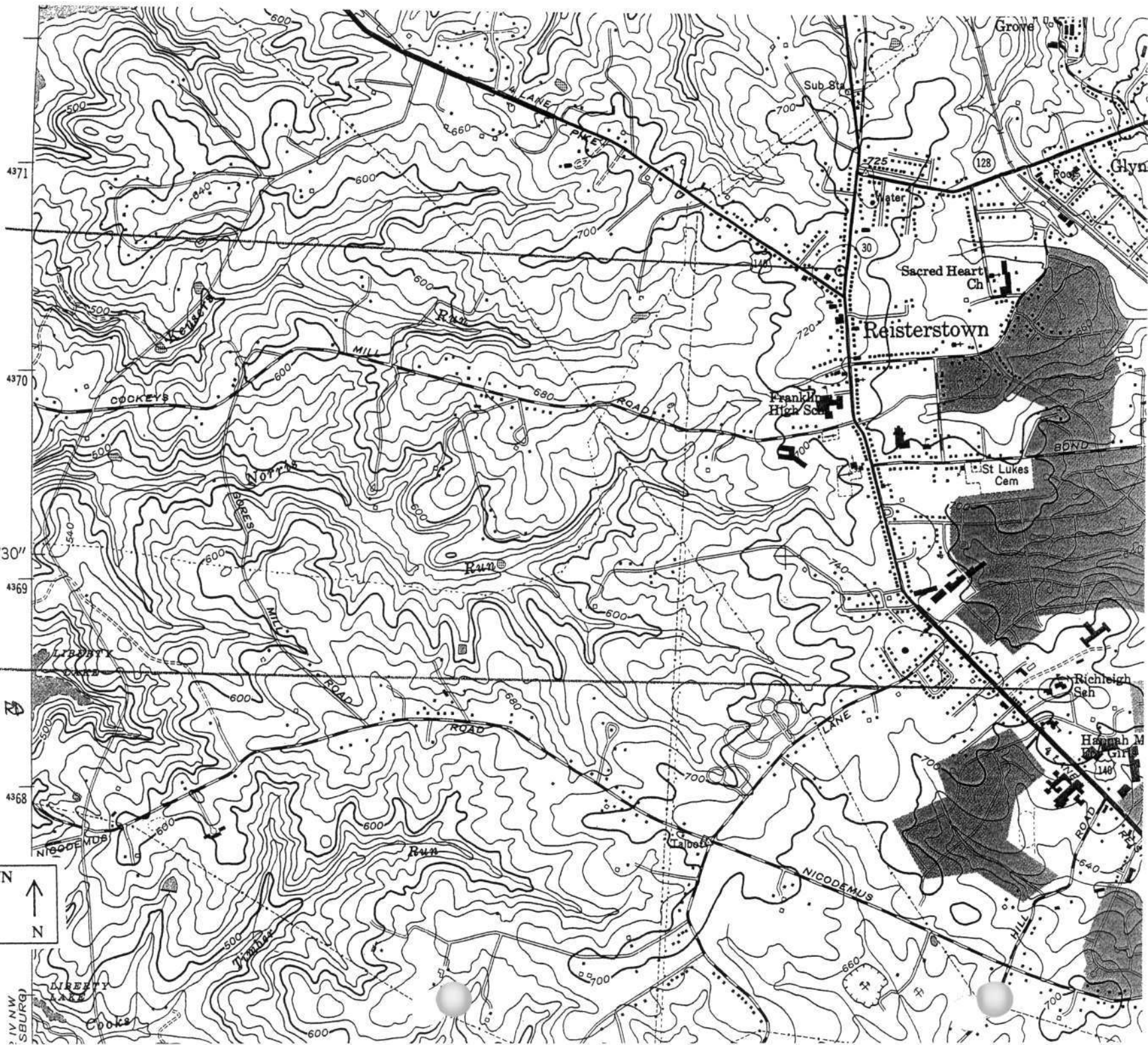
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Scale: 1:24,000





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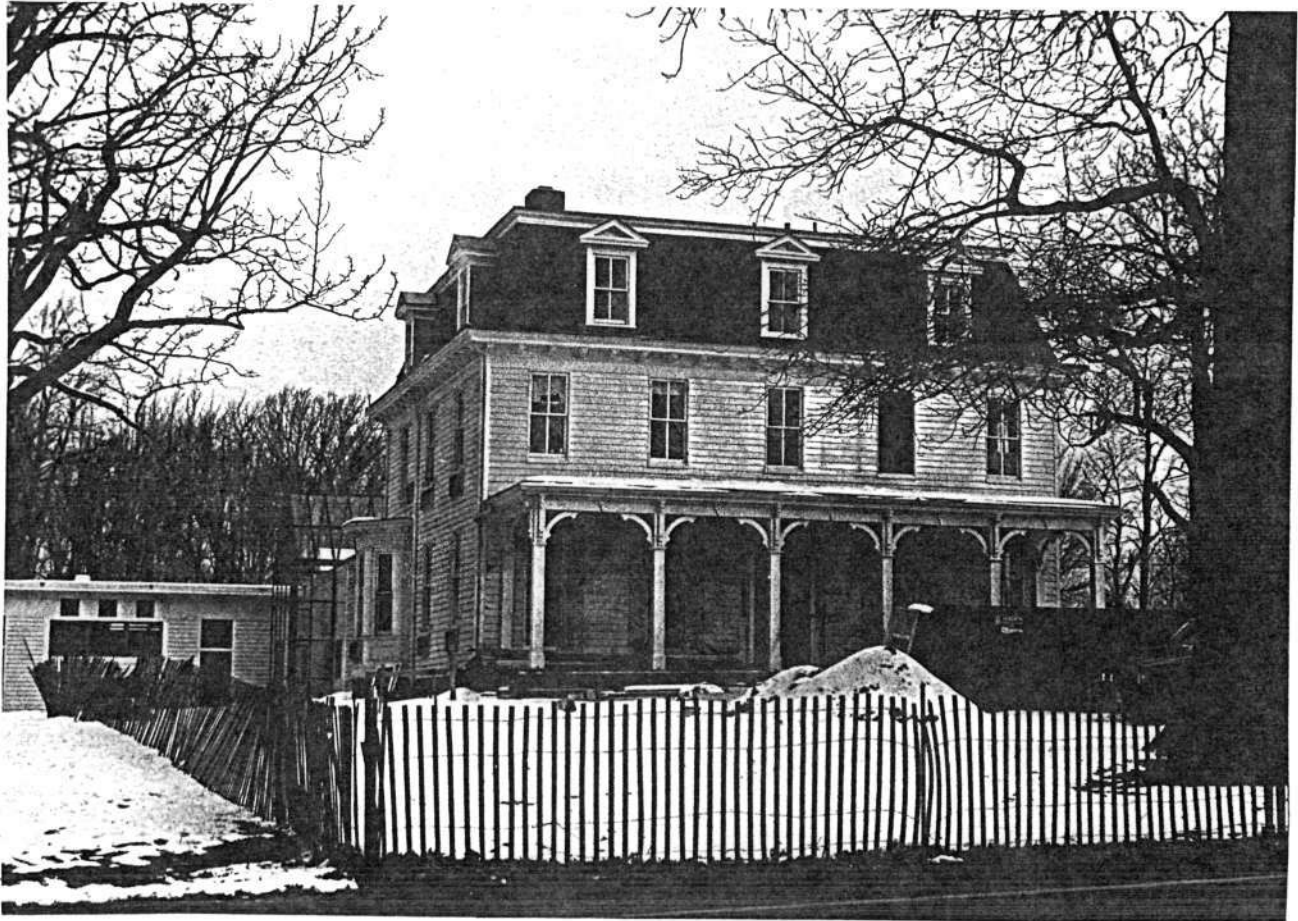
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RICBLEIGH - 1873 - Academy Road, Hannah More school campus, Reisterstown. Mansard-roofed, frame and clapboard house, of three stories. Originally the personal home of Dr. Arthur Rich, headmaster of school and rector of the chapel. Later converted to school offices; still used as school office in 1981 under Baltimore County ownership.

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Hannah More Center School, Inc.
(Richleigh)

12025 Reisterstown Road, Reisterstown, REISTERSTOWN ^{QVAD}

HANNAH MORE ACADEMY
SCHOOL BUILDING
BALTIMORE COUNTY
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Front (South) facade
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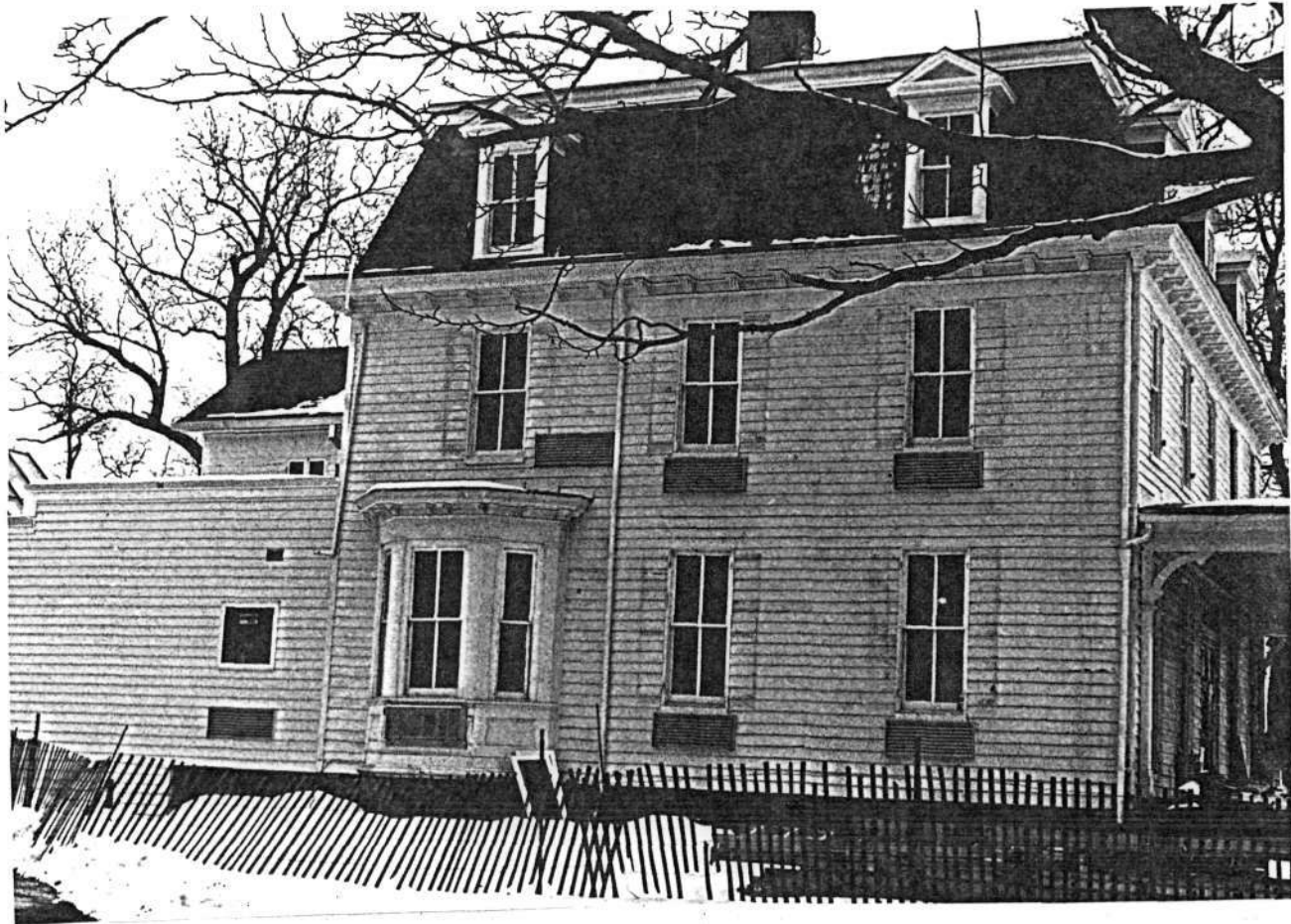
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GRANTOR

GRANTEE

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Side (West) facade
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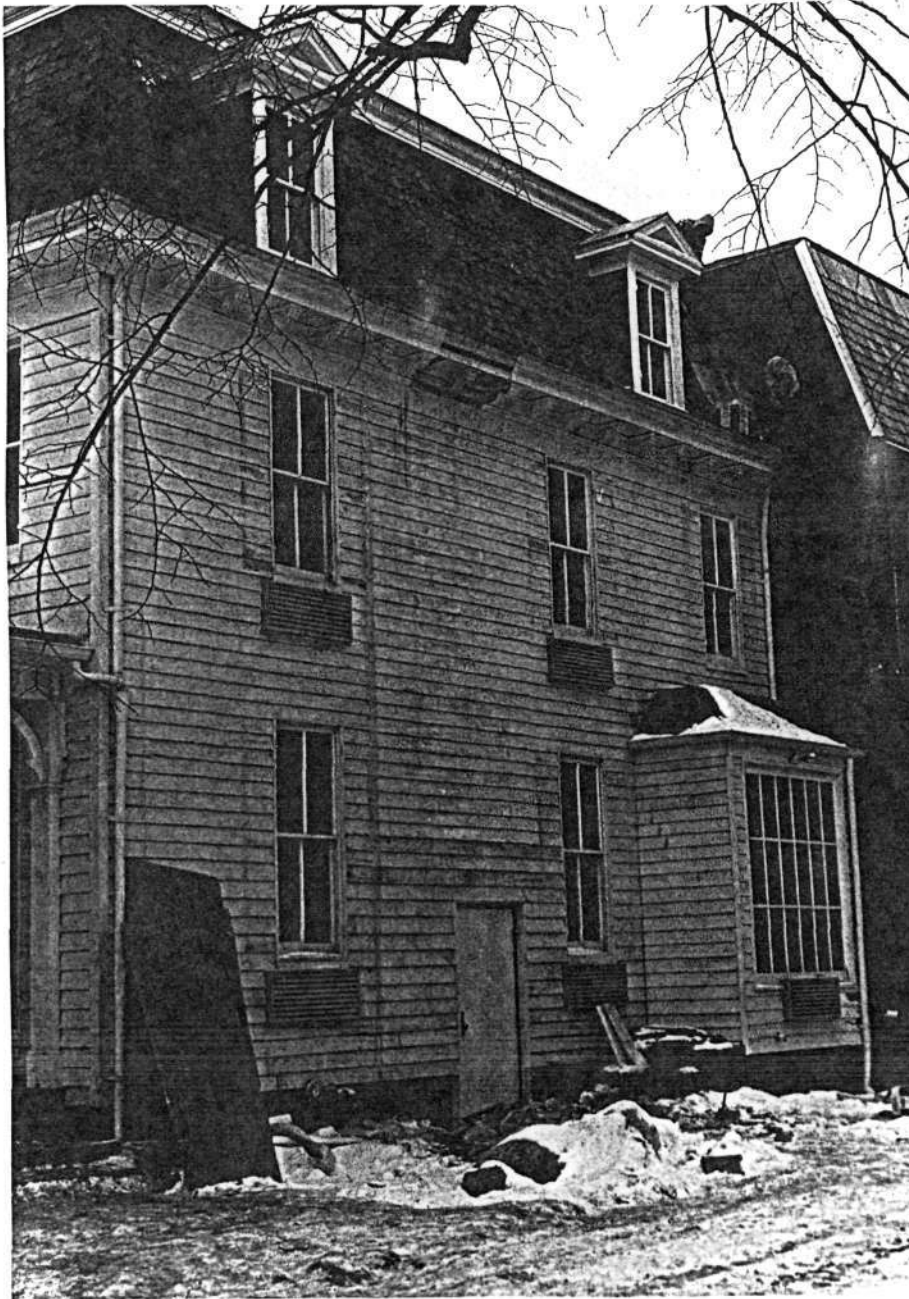
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Side (East) facade

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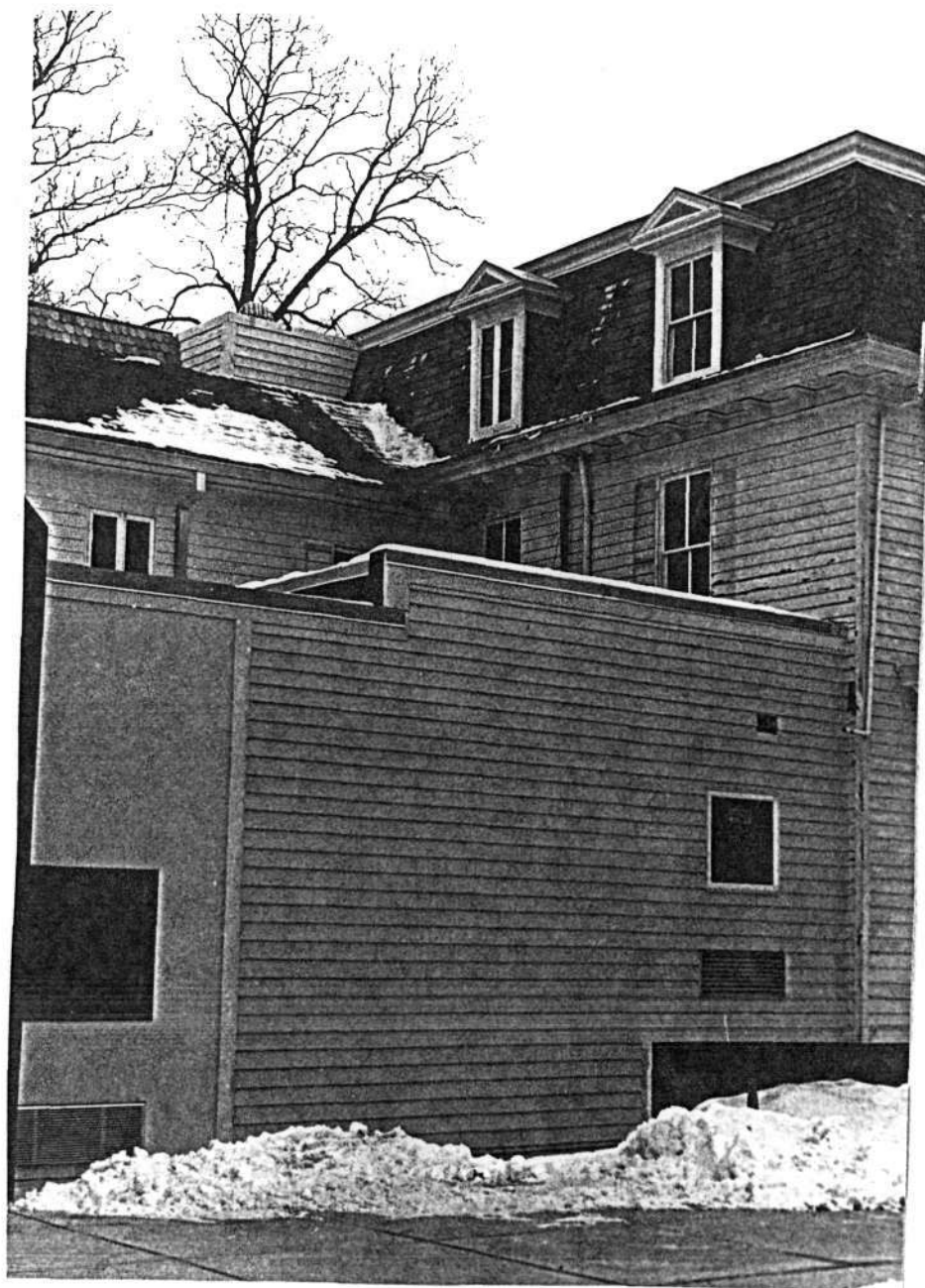
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Rear (North) facade

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